



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 3***

LCO No. 103

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE CONSERVATOR OF A PERSON.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 45a-656 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

3 (a) The conservator of the person shall have: (1) The duty and  
4 responsibility for the general custody of the respondent; (2) the power  
5 to establish his or her place of abode within the state; (3) the power to  
6 give consent for his or her medical or other professional care, counsel,  
7 treatment or service; (4) the duty to provide for the care, comfort and  
8 maintenance of the ward; (5) the duty to take reasonable care of the  
9 respondent's personal effects; and (6) the duty to report at least  
10 annually to the probate court which appointed the conservator  
11 regarding the condition of the respondent. The preceding duties,  
12 responsibilities and powers shall be carried out within the limitations  
13 of the resources available to the ward, either through [his] the ward's  
14 own estate or through private or public assistance.

15 (b) The conservator of the person shall not have the power or

16 authority to cause the respondent to be committed to any institution  
17 for the treatment of the mentally ill except under the provisions of  
18 sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-456 to 17a-484, inclusive, as  
19 amended, 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive,  
20 as amended, 17a-560 to 17a-576, inclusive, 17a-615 to 17a-618,  
21 inclusive, and 17a-621 to 17a-664, inclusive, and chapter 359.

22 (c) The conservator of the person shall not have the power or  
23 authority to cause the ward to be placed or maintained in an  
24 institution for long-term care if the ward's physical, mental and  
25 psychosocial needs can be met in a less restrictive and more integrated  
26 setting. For purposes of this subsection, an "institution for long-term  
27 care" means a facility that has been federally certified as a skilled  
28 nursing facility or intermediate care facility.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2004

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require the conservator of a person to provide for the person's physical, mental and psychosocial needs in the least restrictive and most integrated setting that meets the needs of the person.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*